

# **The Regional Municipality of York**

Regional Council  
Community and Health Services  
December 15, 2022

Report of the Commissioner of Community and Health Services

## **Appointments to the Human Services Planning Board of York Region and the Community Partnership Council for the 2023 to 2026 Term**

### **1. Recommendations**

1. Council appoint the members listed in Private Attachment 1 to the Human Services Planning Board of York Region for the 2023 to 2026 term, in accordance with the Human Services Planning Board Terms of Reference (Attachment 1).
2. Council appoint a member of York Regional Council and the community member identified in Private Attachment 1 as Co-Chairs of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region for the 2023 to 2026 term.
3. Council approve renaming the Community Partnership Council to be the Newcomer Inclusion Table.
4. Council appoint the members listed in Private Attachment 2 to the Newcomer Inclusion Table for the 2023 to 2026 term, in accordance with the Newcomer Inclusion Table Terms of Reference (Attachment 2).
5. Council appoint a member of York Regional Council and the community member identified in Private Attachment 2 as Co-Chairs of the Newcomer Inclusion Table for the 2023 to 2026 term.
6. Council receive the Terms of Reference for the Human Services Planning Board of York Region (Attachment 1) and the Newcomer Inclusion Table (Attachment 2).
7. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to local municipalities, Human Services Planning Board of York Region and Newcomer Inclusion Table for information.

### **2. Summary**

Regional Council appointment of members is sought for the 2023 to 2026 terms of the Human Services Planning Board of York Region and the Community Partnership Council, to be renamed Newcomer Inclusion Table pending Council endorsement. Recommended members are noted in Private Attachments 1 and 2, and Terms of Reference for the tables are included as Attachments 1 and 2.

Private Attachments 1 and 2 are private pursuant to subsection 239(2)(b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as they contain personal information about identifiable individuals.

Key Points:

- The Human Services Planning Board of York Region is comprised of representatives from various sectors and is intended to provide strategic advice to Regional Council and staff on human services matters and initiatives
- Staff recommend renaming the Community Partnership Council the “Newcomer Inclusion Table” to help clarify the group’s mandate and role
- The Community Partnership Council (Newcomer Inclusion Table) includes members that advise, support, and collaborate with the Region and sector partners to help newcomers succeed
- Recommended members, with the exception of Council members and lived-experience members, are organizations/agencies that strengthen cross-sector collaboration and align with the Region’s strategic priorities

### 3. Background

#### **The Human Services Planning Board of York Region’s mandate is to provide strategic advice to Regional Council on human services matters and initiatives**

In [November 2009](#) Council established the [Human Services Planning Board of York Region](#). It is a multi-sector collaborative of senior executives representing human services agencies, government and community partners. Human Services Planning Board of York Region provides Regional Council and staff with strategic advice on human services, community engagement, advocacy initiatives and other matters as directed by Council. Through this work, the Human Services Planning Board of York Region helps build capacity and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of human services in York Region.

During the 2019 to 2022 term, Human Services Planning Board of York Region considered and provided valued input and advice on several human services issues, policies, and programs. In [June 2018](#) Council designated the Human Services Planning Board of York Region to serve as the Advisory Committee for the development of a community safety and well-being plan, as mandated by the *Police Services Act, 1990*. Human Services Planning Board of York Region’s support was instrumental in the development of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for York Region, which was adopted Council in [May 2022](#). To meet anticipated legislated provisions, it is recommended that Human Services Planning Board of York Region continue to serve an advisory role in the Plan’s implementation throughout the 2023 to 2026 term and that membership continue to align with original requirements under the *Police Services Act, 1990*.

## **The Community Partnership Council advises, supports, and collaborates with the Region and sector partners to help newcomers to York Region succeed**

In 2009, York Region was selected by the federal government to lead a [Local Immigration Partnership](#), which coordinates local newcomer settlement and integration efforts. There are 88 Local Immigration Partnerships across Canada (34 in Ontario). A broad-based group that steers each Local Immigration Partnership is required by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada. In York Region, the Community Partnership Council, established in [November 2009](#), serves this purpose and is composed of diverse representation, including settlement, language assessment and employment service providers, education, social services and health, and newcomers with lived experience.

Coordination and collaboration through the Community Partnership Council has helped the Region deliver on objectives related to newcomer success and foster welcoming and inclusive communities as noted in the Inclusion Charter for York Region. Community Partnership Council members helped advance actions under the [2017 to 2021 Newcomer Strategy](#); an updated plan will be submitted to Council in the first half of 2023 that will continue to be focused on the economic and social integration of newcomers, along with newcomer well-being and collaboration among sector partners as additional priorities.

## **4. Analysis**

### **Recommended members for Human Services Planning Board of York Region includes representation from across human services and meets requirements under the *Police Services Act, 1990***

Twenty organizations are recommended as members to the Human Services Planning Board of York Region for the 2023 to 2026 term (the same number as the previous term); 5 are new and 15 are returning, representing 8 human services sectors. Membership also includes the Regional Chair, who serves as an ex-officio member, and up to four members of Council. A member of Council co-chairs Human Services Planning Board of York Region, along with a community member. The recommended community co-chair is a returning member and should help provide continuity to the Human Services Planning Board of York Region.

### **Proposed members for Community Partnership Council represent a diverse array of newcomer-serving organizations and will support implementation of a Newcomer Inclusion Plan for York Region**

Thirty representatives are recommended as Community Partnership Council members, including 10 new and 15 returning members (representing 10 human services sectors), 2 newcomers with lived experience, 2 Regional Council members, and the Regional Chair, who serves as an ex-officio member. This incoming table is slightly larger than the previous term to strengthen representation from employment and French-serving sectors, and to include a Council member from both the Region's North and South. Co-chairs include a member of Council and a community member (new community co-chair as previous co-chair retired).

## **Interest of recommended members for the Human Services Planning Board and the Community Partnership Council was confirmed through initial outreach and discussion**

Each of the recommended members listed in Private Attachments 1 and 2 have confirmed their interest in participating and identified their preferred representative. When selecting members with lived experience for the Community Partnership Council, potential candidates were identified through sector partners.

## **The Human Services Planning Board of York Region and the Community Partnership Council support Regional Council's Vision and the 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan: From Vision to Results**

Human Services Planning Board of York Region and Community Partnership Council support Council's Vision to achieve strong, caring, safe communities and the [2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan: From Vision to Results](#), particularly the Healthy Communities results focusing on livability, health, safety and social well-being of our residents. The tables help advance goals under the [Community Safety and Well-Being Plan of York Region](#), and [Inclusion Charter](#) objectives of fostering welcoming and inclusive communities.

## **5. Financial**

Human Services Planning Board of York Region and Community Partnership Council members do not receive remuneration for their participation on the tables. Costs associated with Human Services Planning Board of York Region and Community Partnership Council operations, including to support the ongoing work of the tables, are included as part of the Community and Health Services operating budget.

Under the current multi-year contribution agreement between the Region and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, federal funding of \$1,895,811 over 2020 to 2025 (\$428,705 in 2023) supports the Local Immigration Partnership, including activities of the Community Partnership Council.

## **6. Local Impact**

The Human Services Planning Board of York Region and Community Partnership Council connect organizations across multiple sectors and advise on integrated human services, to improve outcomes for all residents of York Region. In developing recommendations for Council, consideration was given to local municipal representation.

## **7. Conclusion**

Recommendations for the 2023 to 2026 terms of Human Services Planning Board of York Region and Community Partnership Council will continue to build capacity in the human

services sector. Recommended members build on the strengths and successes of previous terms while also being responsive to emerging Regional priorities.

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Attachment 1 – HSPB Terms of Reference

Attachment 2 – Newcomer Inclusion Table Terms of Reference

Private Attachment 1 – HSPB Recommended Membership

Private Attachment 2 – Newcomer Inclusion Table Recommended Membership